

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

11 January 1954

SUBJECT : Detailed Military Personnel

1. This has been awaiting action by A-DD/A for 21 days. Although [REDACTED] reviewed and recommended referral to DDCI for approval, Mr. Houston has reviewed and has either questioned policy or recommends further editorial revision.

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2. Re Houston's comments which are attached:

a. I disagree with his criticism (Paragraph 1.a.) and his proposed alternate language. The introductory paragraph does not claim to limit the regulation to the administration of military personnel. On the contrary it clearly states that its purpose is to provide "background and guidance" to civilian administrators re handling of military personnel. I see nothing in the regulation which is not either background or guidance toward this end.

b. Mr. Houston apparently is not aware of General Cabell's views that military personnel can and should be used in any position where benefit to CIA will result.

c. Again consistent with General Cabell's views and the best interests of CIA, I do not see why CIA should indicate primary obligation to the individual. The policy in 2.b. as submitted clearly indicates that the needs of the Government come first--then the individual. This was intended and I believe is proper policy.

d. Houston's comment d. is purely editorial criticism. Admittedly this may not be perfect; I do think it meets reasonable standards of composition and should not be further revised.

3. Recommend forwarding to DDCI for final review along with the Field version. If approved recommend immediate authentication of Headquarters Regulation and A-DD/A formal coordination of Field Regulation.

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